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1. Aluminum.

The target date for the bringing into operation of the new aluminum plant I has been postponed from 1 July to 15 August. The success of the plant will depend on whether supplies of bauxite or alumina are available. No alumina has as yet been available from the Lautawerk, and the present aluminum plant depends on supplies of bauxite which arrive fairly regularly 50X1-HUM

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2. Export of ferro-tungsten to Czechoslovakia.

Metallimex, Prague, has supplied quantities of tungsten concentrates (60% W) for conversion into ferro-tungsten. The factory dispatched to this customer 105 tons of ferro-tungsten on 4 May and 30.5 tons on 7 May. The Czech concern wishes to receive 25 tons of tungsten per month in the form of ferro-tungsten.

3. Artificial manures.

Larger supplies of phosphorus-containing artificial manures are required by East Germany and Eastern Europe. However, the factory directorate has stated that it is most unlikely that work can start on expanding the plant for at least two years, because of the necessity of carrying through the aluminum program.

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